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Dear Mr.

I appreciate your letter of December 2, 1952 and I am very glad that Henry had an opportunity to go over this problem with you. As I wrote, the problem is a difficult one but if I get any opportunity to bring it up again I shall not fail to do so.

Sincerely,

(Signed) ALLEN W. DOWNS

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

As you kindly authorized Henry to do, he has turned over to me a copy of your letter to him of November 17th.

I am writing this letter to you to thank you for your trouble and courtesy in connection with this matter, which I very much appreciated, knowing how busy you were at the time you sponsored me as well as today.

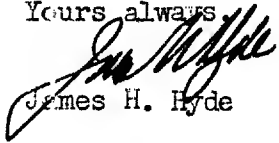
I quite understand the reasons you set forth for the policy of the Council and also understand that it is difficult to deviate under any circumstances from such a policy. Henry elaborated to me why such deviations are well-nigh impossible.

On the other hand, you will readily have understood how in view of my record of fifty-three years of trying to develop better academic and cultural relations between the United States and France, I should have been particularly interested in being associated with the Council. I began my efforts while still a student at Harvard when in 1898 I started bringing French lecturers to Harvard, and later continued by sending American lecturers to Paris and the provinces. In 1902 I founded the Federation de l'Alliance Francaise, which brings French lecturers over here and which this year celebrated its fiftieth anniversary.

The penalties of age are unavoidable and having had an interesting life I cannot complain and I am in any case happy to think that a person like yourself should have shown such understanding and kindness toward my problem.

With kindest regards and good wishes for the continuation of your successful and useful work in Washington, believe me,

Yours always


James H. Hyde

Allen W. Dulles, Esq.



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